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## Save the dance-a-thon date for the kids

**Alayna Parsons-Valles**  
CAMPUS EDITOR



**LET'S BEAT LAST YEAR'S NUMBERS** — Dance Marathon Dream Team of 2016 holds up record shattering \$256,323.13 for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

The moment all the students and faculty of Hope College came back for the spring semester, the countdown to Dance Marathon started. For those new students who haven't experienced Hope's version of the event, Dance Marathon is a year-long fundraiser for the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital that ends with a 24-hour dance-a-thon in March.

Registered dancers who commit to the full 24-hours must remain on their feet for the entirety of the event as a gesture to the children and families they support. The event could not happen without these students who come out to dance each year.

Students can also sign up to be Moralers that switch out every eight hours. Their job is to keep the dancers excited from start to finish. Different committees run by the students help set up the event and keep things running smoothly. The different committees include Dream team, Family Relations, Morale Squad, Catering and

more. When signing up, you can join teams of Greek Organizations, Residence halls and other clubs that are each matched with a child helped by the hospital. Posters are made for each child and hung around the Dow gymnasium showing how much we care.

Last year's Dance Marathon raised a record-shattering

\$256,323.13 for the Children. Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI, provides life-saving care to infants, children and adolescents. By supporting the hospital through fundraisers and awareness-events throughout the year, we help it provide crucial programs and services that directly impact the children and families it

serves. This year Hope aims for a goal of \$262,000. We are already seven percent toward our goal, but we have a long way to go.

Get a start this month for Dance Marathon and sign up to help the event in some way, whether by being a dancer, moraler or committee member. If you find yourself a little overwhelmed, there are other

ways to get involved in the cause. Share the Hope College Dance Marathon Donation page and alert family and friends that even the smallest donations toward the event can help.

Mini-events leading up to the dance-a-thon are taking place, so please try to attend. The annual Miracle Silent Auction at JP's Coffee and Espresso Bar features gift baskets, food, goods, activities, homemade crafts and gift certificates. These items were all donated by the generous local businesses around Holland. All proceeds from the auction go towards the hospital, so go and make a bid.

Blitz Week is next, which is the final weeks of fundraising leading up to Dance Marathon. That week will consist of fundraisers at local restaurants, miracle families sharing their stories in chapel, the semi-annual pasta dinner in the Kletz and other announcements.

The main event will come fast. Miracle families, moralers, dancers, faculty, alumni and community members will all come together to support Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Get involved; it's for the kids.

## Proactive students get involved off-campus

**Alayna Parsons-Valles**  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Among the many protests spurred by new President Donald Trump, an event has taken place just a few blocks from campus. Hope College students joined hundreds of others at the protest against Betsy DeVos at Centennial Park in Holland. On Saturday morning at 11 a.m., those who object Betsy DeVos' nomination as Secretary of Education marched the perimeter of the park.

Picket signs decorated with the cause were held high and aimed to show their outcry. The protest purposely took place in DeVos' hometown, in order to gain more attention and support.

At Devos' confirmation hearing, Sen. Bernie Sanders asked her the question, "Do you think if you were not a multi-billionaire, if your family has not made hundreds of millions of dollars of contributions to the Republican Party, that you would be sitting here today?" There has



OLIVIA LAURITSEN

**PROTEST AGAINST BETSY DEVOS** — Olivia Lauritsen ('17) standing with fellow protester in Centennial Park to voice their opinion on the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Sec. of Education.

been a large public disapproval to DeVos' nomination as she has been linked to nearly \$200 million in contributions to

the Republican Party by her family. With little experience in the field, many feel she would not have made her path to her

position if it had not been for her family's wealth.

She has been shown to be in favor of the school-voucher

system and for-profit models that some feel is putting money over the education of students. Her confirmation was pushed back after the Office of Government Ethics found possible conflicts of interest between DeVos and her possible new job. Her opponents in the nomination raised strong concerns about the education policies she advocates for, such as shifting resources from public schools and weakening federal policies that protect susceptible students from bias.

The protest has been described as peaceful with drivers in their vehicles honking support as they passed by.

Olivia Lauritsen ('17) shares her passion for the protest. As a art education major, these changes for the education system affect her in the future.

Students are getting involved and making their voices heard. They are participating in the issues they feel their country is in and taking the steps to make the change they want to see.

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Hope's sailing team wins big at MCSA. Check out all the details and nail biting moments.

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## THIS WEEK AT HOPE

## Wednesday

## Careers in Finance:

## Alumni Perspective

Join Hope College Alum David Abiera at 10 a.m. in VanZooen Hall 165 A as he shares his professional experience in the field of Finance. This session is a great opportunity for all students interested in seeking a Finance career in the future. This discussion will be led by faculty and will allow time for Q&A.

## Intersectionality

## of Interpersonal Violence

Come join us at this conversation where we explore societal influences that impacts our understanding of interpersonal violence. This conversation will be facilitated by Sara Bazydlo in Maas Conference Room at 4 p.m.

## Life after College Series:

## Finding the Right Church

"Where's the Steeple and Knowing the People" will take place in Martha Miller first floor rotunda from 3 - 5 p.m. Develop a perspective on why church matters and what to expect as you transition. Learn what to look for, what to watch out for and how to prioritize your hopes.

## Thursday

## Internship Fair

The fair will take place in the Maas Center Conference Room from 3 - 5 p.m. Open to all students, this fair is intended to provide a way to explore internship opportunities with a variety of organizations across multiple disciplines. Students are encouraged to review the list of registered employers before attending, bring copies of resumes and dress professionally.

## Friday

## Co-Ed Men &amp; Women's Night Out: A Chance for Social Time

Welcoming all women...all men...and all people! Meet at Keppel House at 7 p.m. with \$5 to experience a night of fun with fellow students.

## IN BRIEF

## GORDEN BELL IN CHAPEL

Gordon Bell is the founder and CEO of The Midland Group in Fort Wayne, IN, and has decades of experience in the corporate arena. He offers world-class strategic thinking and value enhancement at every stage of the business cycle. He will be speaking in Dimnent Memorial Chapel from 10:30 - 10:55 a.m. Gordo was recently recognized as the 2016 Exit Planner of the Year, a national honor that recognizes the far-reaching impact he has made on the exit planning industry. Recently, Gordo authored his first book, "Discover Your Next Best Step: 10 Proven Principles of Servant Leadership Wisdom". Gordon holds a B.S. and an M.S. degree. He is the 1986 Purdue University Alumni of the Year recipient. In 2010, Purdue's College of Consumer and Family Sciences chose to honor him as one of the 105 treasured alumni in the school's 105-year history. In 2014, he was chosen to be a part of the Dancing with the Fort Wayne Stars celebrity cast. Gordon has also served on the board of trustees for Trinity Christians College. He had developed a church ministry called, "Unemployed...Let's Talk." He and his wife, Pat, have helped start a Christian Reformed in Fort Wayne, IN.

## Plan for great global discussions

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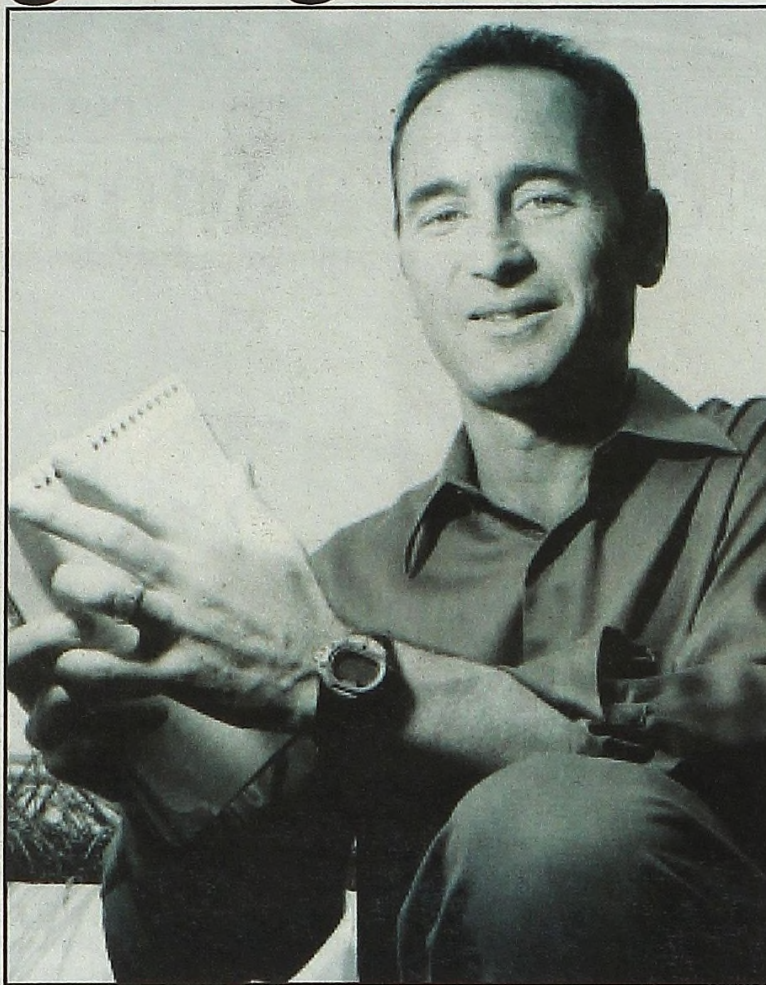
The Great Decisions Global Discussion Series highlights the most critical global topics facing Americans for the year as chosen by the Foreign Policy Association in New York City. The council brings experts to West Michigan to discuss the topics, with presentations at Hope College in the afternoon.

The series will feature eight events, leading off with Jason Beaubien, a Global Health and Development Correspondent for NPR spent four years in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. He's driven the length of the U.S./Mexico border from the Pacific to the Gulf, chronicling along the way the economic, social and political changes along the violent frontier. He filed stories on Mexico's Brutal drug war, politics in Cuba, the 2010 Haitian earthquake, elections in El Salvador and Carlos Slim and on of the world's richest men.

Now in his role as Global Health and Development Correspondent, Beaubien reports on health issues across the world. He's part of a team at NPR that won a Peabody Award in 2015 for their coverage of the West Africa Ebola outbreak. Join Mr. Beaubien as he diagnoses global health issues, including those in Latin America.

This semester, Hope College is pleased to be hosting the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan's Great Decisions Global Discussion Series. This series features outstanding speakers on international topics of great importance. The campus community is welcomed. Mark your calendars for additional lectures in the series. Starting Feb. 1, all events will be held Mondays at 1 p.m. in Graves Hall, Winants Auditorium.

Upcoming events include: "New Rules of the Game: The World's Water, Food, and Energy Choke Points" on Feb.



WUNC

**PRESCRIPTION FOR LATIN AMERICA — Jason Beaubien will be the speaker for first talk in the Great Decisions Discussion Series.**

13 with Kieth Schnieder from Circle of Blue, and Jennifer Turner from the Wilson Center in Washington D.C. will lead an engaging conversation about how access to fresh water has emerged as a signal threat to stability and a pivot point for human opportunity.

"Nuclear Insecurity: Next Steps?" will be on Feb. 20 with Jack Segal. With thousands of nuclear warheads deployed and in storage around the world, it seems inevitable that nuclear bombs may fall into the wrong hands. Yet in the 75 years of the nuclear era, this hasn't happened. Why? Join Jack Segal, the former National Security Council director for nonproliferation, as he leads a discussion on the future of nuclear security.

"South China Sea: Clash of Strategies" will be on Feb. 27 with John Adams, retired Brigadier General for the United States Army. He shares his expertise and take on current U.S.-China relations. He will also analyze Chinese actions in the South China Sea and elsewhere, exploring how they can be a roadmap for the United States response to this growing world power.

"Afghanistan: to Fight or Run" on March 13 with Ronald Neumann, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan. He joins us to explain the complexity of Afghanistan and our country's role there. In his tenure as ambassador, he met with senior leaders, journalists, soldiers and business insiders, and possesses

a depth of experience that can lead to a better understanding of this delicate situation.

"Is it all Politics? Trade and U.S. Jobs" will be on March 20. One needs to look no further than the past presidential election to understand the popular narrative: trade means that China wins at America's expense. But do the numbers support that conclusion? Jeremy Haft, Georgetown University professor and CEO of SafeSource Trading, assesses the rhetoric and the reality of global trade and U.S. jobs.

"The EU: An Uncertain Future" on March 27 with Dr. John McCormick, Purdue University Professor of European Union Politics.

"Shirts in the Sand: U.S. - Saudi Relations" will be on April 3, with Simon Henderson, Washington Institute for Near East Policy. He will explore the future of the European Union as it faces Brexit, the Eurozone crisis and Syrian migration. McCormick will share his analysis in the context of rising populism around the world as well as growing criticism of immigration and globalization.

Students are welcomed to join a visiting speaker for lunch. Please contact johnston@hope.edu with any questions. Lunches will precede the presentation, 11:45 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. in the President's Room in Graves Hall.

Faculty requiring student attendance at the Great Decisions presentations have requested a recording of the presentations for those unable to attend. These recordings will be made available on Hope YouTube by noon each Tuesday following the Monday presentation.

There is an excellent Great Decisions 2017 Teacher's Guide, including key terms, two class lessons and handouts for each topic. This is available on reserve in VanWylen Library.

## Ten actions, 100 days: student voices

Kelly Ocock

PHOTO EDITOR

The Women's March was just the beginning for these Hope College students. Hope United for Justice is teaming up with the Women's March on Washington and their campaign for ten actions in 100 days.

After millions of marchers voiced their concerns for the country last Saturday, the movement is encouraging everyone to join the next steps in making an impact. The first action of the ten is writing a postcard to your senator about an issue important to you.

Organizer of the event, Katrin Kelley ('18), says, "For me, it's important to do this because I want to provide a space for students to express their feelings about what's going on in our country right now and to let them know that their voice is important. This is a great way



KELLY OCOCK

**FROM WORDS TO ACTIONS — Hope students and faculty (left to right: Mark Brice, Sarah Harvin, Katrin Kelley ('18), Noah Groth ('18), Ye Ji Jun ('19) Claire Da Silva ('19), Jazlyn Ruiz ('19), Frina Redoloza ('19)) take action after the Women's March last week by writing a letter to each of their senators.**

to make them heard."

Protesting is an important part of democracy; however, it is not the only action to take when the public wants to be heard.

There is so much more work to be done after painting signs and braving the cold to march.

It's never too late to make your opinions heard. If you

missed the gathering, visit [www.womensmarch.com](http://www.womensmarch.com) to print out a postcard. Find your senator and sign up to be updated on the coming actions.



# Local rally rails against Betsy Devos

**Sarah Mozdren**  
WORLD Co-EDITOR

Hundreds gathered at Centennial Park in Holland on Jan. 28 to march around the block, protesting against DeVos, who was a Holland resident and graduate of Calvin College. She is known for being a supporter in vouchers toward private school tuition and advocates toward charter schools.

The future of our education holds high stakes with the help of Besty DeVos, who was nominated as Secretary of Education by President Donald Trump. Not only do the majority of Americans criticize her for her lack of experience in teaching and administration in public schools, but her history of political funding shows that she is turning the education system into a business. DeVos appears as a high threat to public education because of her policies she plans to implement that can degrade the benefits of public schools.

DeVos had planned her charter-school movement since the early 1990s, when she and Dick DeVos passed Michigan's first charter-school bill, allowing the state to fund public money into quasi-independent educational institutions.

Several people argue that a charter school system actually hurts students' academic



performances. They tend to be more selective by providing a restricted curriculum, less academic regulation and usually an increase in segregation. Since they are independent, charter schools have the control to give advantages to those who can afford it while eliminating those with lesser privileges.

Not all charter schools may serve students equally since it lacks legal regulations in the curriculum and minimum requirements for further education. These institutes may easily eliminate students with learning disabilities in these schools that neglect legal responsibility.

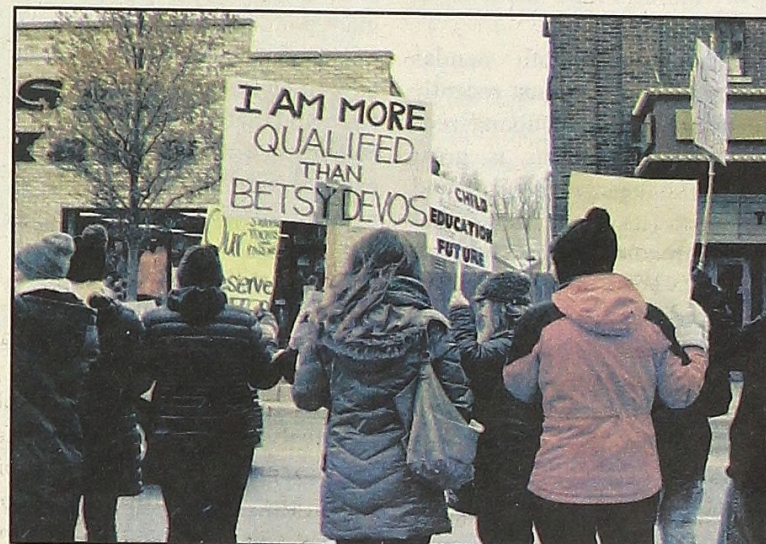
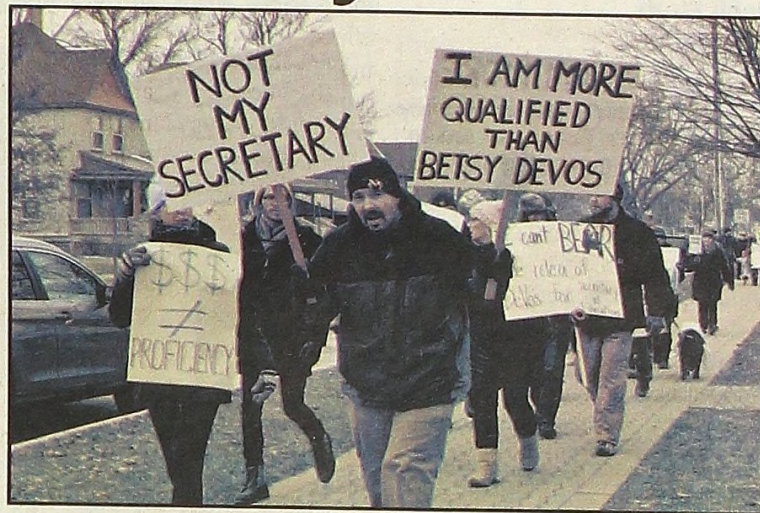
For most impoverished students, vouchers will not cover the full tuition of private institutes since these schools can only be funded through the students.

Meanwhile, in Holland, the

protesters were peaceful as they rallied around the park with vehicles driving past, honking for support. Several residents from the Michigan area gathered along Centennial Park with signs to show their stance.

A resident from Lansing, Carol Meeks, traveled to Holland as she felt this event was important to her contribution. "Education is a foundation, and with Betsy DeVos at the wheel, that foundation will crumble, and who knows what will happen to our kids and the kids of the next generation," Meeks said. "It's been tough to see what's happening around the country, but I don't think it's going to get any better with Betsy DeVos in charge of schools," Meeks' high school senior daughter, Karlie said.

While DeVos claims that her ideas will open more choices



KELLY OCOCK

**HOMETOWN HASSLE — Residents rally against Betsy DeVos, who grew up in the Holland area, by speaking their stance.**

for education, this may degrade the public school districts by disregarding quality of these schools. Families may have more options toward their edu-

cation, but if the financial focus is geared toward improving private and chartered schools, then what is left for the public education, faculty and students?

## PERSPECTIVES

# 'America First' echoes into the ears of countries worldwide

**Brenda Ramirez**  
GUEST WRITER

Donald Trump's first week in office has been a roller coaster of emotions for the American people. With drastic changes happening in one swift move of a pen, Trump started off his presidency with a strong approach, wasting no time to prove the seriousness of his agenda. One of the most influential promises of his campaign was the immediate call to action on hot-topic issues. Some topics include environmental policy and the infamous border wall.

We are always exposed to all the perspectives that divide this country. However, one key question arises: how do other countries view the United States now?

Loud and clear, we have heard the shock from other countries, but as soon as the outcome of the presidential election was confirmed, official messages of congratulations quickly poured in from foreign governments.

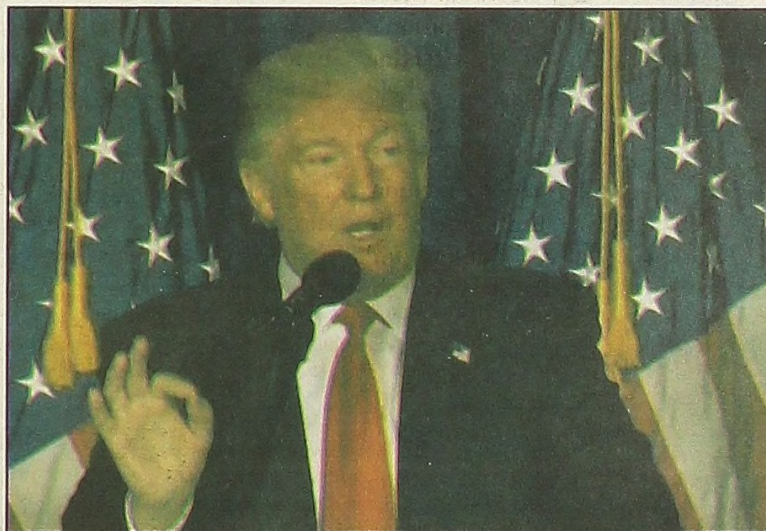
Many countries have made their sentiments clear about the image of the America that was portrayed in the speeches by Trump. Can a new wave of anti-Americanism around the world be real?

Recently, a Dutch video has been virally surfing the media, showing the Dutch plan for Trump's presidency. The video is a spoof message by news-satire show Zondag met Lubach to officially introduce Holland to Trump "in a way that will probably appeal to him the most." This satirical parody feeds off of Trump's image that the Dutch have observed throughout the election: an image made up of his extremist agenda, showing his promise to make "America first." Immigration, gender and racial slurs were all present in the narration and presentation of the viral video with a Dutch twist.

"We speak Dutch. It's the best language in all of Europe. We've got all the best words. All the other languages? Failed. Danish? Total disaster," a voice-over said, mimicking Trump's cadence.

This statement closed off the Dutch parody: "We totally understand it's going to be America first, but can we just say: The Netherlands second?" This video doesn't just make people laugh, but it also points out the way other countries view our president and America.

France is in the midst of its own hectic election and has a candidate that resembles our



CNN

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES — President Donald Trump's speech impacts the world as mockery responds.**

own president. Marine Le Pen is a French politician who is the president of the National Front, a national-conservative political party in France and one of its main political forces. Le Pen has led a movement of "de-demonization of the Front National" to detoxify and soften its image, based on renovated positions and renewed teams, also expelling controversial members accused of racism or anti-Semitism.

Le Pen is developing into a force that needs to be reckoned with. Trump's victory will continue to spur Le Pen on and

convince her that she can pull off her own stunning victory in May's presidential election.

But can Le Pen really complete a hat-trick of shock vote victories?

"It's now a hypothesis that everyone should take seriously," French political commentator Philippe Marliere told The Local shortly after Trump's election win. "And I would never have said that a few years ago. But Trump, with his populist, xenophobic and anti-immigrant discourse has managed to take over the most powerful democracy in the world. So why can't it hap-

pen in France?"

Truthfully, we are not on our own as a country where extreme right leaders are rising. America was simply the first to loudly and famously elect its president.

To quote Trump, "We were laughed at all over the world, as we have been many, many times." Trump believes the U.S. is "going to be a friend again" to the rest of the world. But the rest of the world might have mixed feelings about that friendship.

All over the world, headlines are popping up with articles about their thoughts on Trump's America:

Egypt: "A Threat to U.S. Democracy." Jan. 12, published in Ahram Online.

Japan: "Trump's Style of Intervention Contradicts American Ideals." Jan. 19, published in Chunichi Shimbun.

Australia: "So Long Partner as U.S. Dumps Its Own Free-Trade Deal." Jan. 24, published in The Sydney Morning Herald.

Germany: "How America Lost Its Identity." Jan. 27, published in Der Spiegel.

Around the world, America is re-imagined in Trump's first 100 days as president. While his promise isn't negotiable, we can only hope that the U.S. remains a strong, hope-filled country.



# Endangered species list shorter in 2017

**Jack Wolff**  
GUEST WRITER

In the past few months, uplifting news has been hard to come by. Combined with unrest abroad and an election whose negative aspects have captivated the news, it's easy to feel as though the past year has been a dreary one. Yet the past few months have not been without some positive change, even if it hard to spot. One beautiful piece of news is that some of the world's largest, most lovable and goofy animals have made it off the endangered list.

That's right, both pandas and manatees have just recently been moved from "endangered" to "vulnerable." This is great news for a few reasons. First and foremost, its great news that these animals will not become extinct. For generations to come, men and women of all ages will be able to enjoy these animals, both in the wild and in zoos across the world.

Alongside the simple and important fact that these animals will now be around for the foreseeable future, it, almost more importantly, proves that conservation efforts can be effective. Conservation efforts have long been thrown into question, for their efficacy, but successes like these are important

indicators that conservation efforts can go a long way in increasing and preserving biodiversity. Especially important is the preservation of the panda. Besides being beloved by the internet and being cute and culturally significant, they have also been the front man for conservation efforts for a long time. Their removal from the endangered list is a victory for conservation: a symbol of which has not gone unnoticed.

The President of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has since stated, "For over 50 years, the giant panda has been the globe's most beloved conservation icon as well as the symbol of WWF. Knowing that the panda is now a step further from extinction is an exciting moment for everyone committed to conserving the world's wildlife and their habitats," the president, Yolanda Kakabadse said, in a quote from the WWF website.

This bodes well for other species for whom conservation could be their last hope at recovery. Take for example tigers, (different species grouped together on the WWF website). There are roughly 4,000 tigers left in the wild across the entire globe, and they are registered as endangered. With poaching still a very tangible threat to tiger population and human



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**PANDAS WILL SURVIVE** — Pandas, along with manatees, have finally been taken off the endangered species list.

encroachment at an all-time high, things only seem to be looking down for tigers. Their pelts have been a luxury good since ancient times, falling into the same hyper expensive category of goods as silk and nard. This could be the perfect recipe for extinction of tigers.

Yet the WWF and other foundations have been working hard on conservation, protecting habitats and working to end the black markets for poached

goods and illegal items.

The success of conservationist in the case of pandas, one of the most critically endangered mammals on the planet, gives hope for the tiger and for other species that are struggling for survival. If the pandas can come back, along with manatees and several other animals, why not tigers? Why not white rhinos?

Simply put, against the many endangered species, successfully conserving one seems a small

victory. Yet, the real victory lies in the fact that conservation can work and now has.

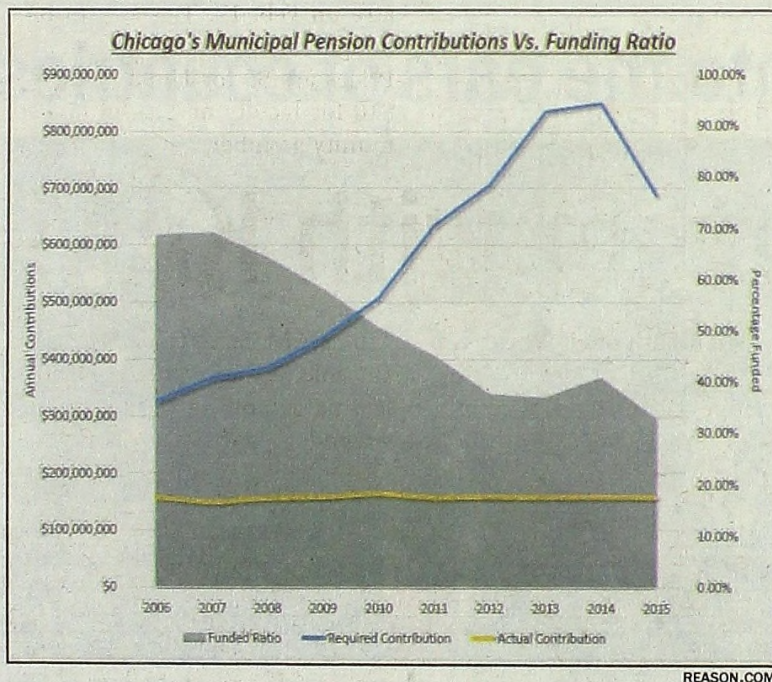
We can rest a little easier not only knowing that some of the largest and entertaining animals, on land and in water, will be around for a while longer yet, but that their success brings nothing but hope to the plight of other animals endangered around the world. Hopefully efforts to save other endangered animals will be successful.

## Unfunded liabilities: out of money and time

**Colin O'Connor**  
WORLD CO-EDITOR

Upon graduating college, students of all majors, minors and degree specializations must make the choice between private and public sector employment. Whether you are an art or business major, there are career options in both domains. A job in the private sector, generally speaking, pays more with an increased risk of termination depending on both your personal and the company's overall performance. On the other hand, employment in the public sector is generally lower paying but more secure and often comes with the guarantee of a generous pension package. Both of these paths have their merits and negative aspects. However the increasingly growing crisis in pension funding should make new graduates think twice about where they seek employment and also how they choose to begin to fund their retirement.

Before discussing the current state of our public pension systems, we must understand how they are supposed to operate. A pension is a future stream income that is paid out of a fund that both employees and employers pay into while an employee is working. Then the money in the fund is invested in order to increase its value over time. All pension funds are different, but most of them



**CHICAGO WOES** — The CMEABF is one of six public pension funds; together, their net liability is \$26.8 billion.

expect a 7.5 percent annual rate of return on their investments, a high standard in today's world with the risk-free U.S. 10-Year Note rate at 2.5 percent. Due to decreasing investment returns, pension funds have been feeling the burn the last few years. This is only compounded by an ever-growing supply of pensioners that need to be paid out. To better illustrate how this works, information from the Chicago Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund, or CMEABF, will be used.

In 2015, the CMEABF had a total of \$4.39 billion dollars; this money goes towards paying

pensions and investing to grow the fund. Also, in 2015, the fund paid out \$700 million to pensioners, representing roughly 15 percent of the funds value. Employers in 2015 paid roughly \$160 million dollars into the fund, a sum that does not even come close to covering what needed to be paid out. To add to the problem, in 2015, the fund earned 2.3 percent on its investments, far below the 7.5 percent assumed rate of return. While this was actuarially "smoothed" into a 6.9 percent return, the pension still falls dangerously far from being able to pay future pensioners. The

annual financial report listed CMEABF as being 32.4 percent funded and warned readers in a bolded font that by 2025, barring any drastic changes, the fund would be broke.

The Chicago Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund is one of hundreds of city, town and state pension funds across the country. This specific one is for employees of the city of Chicago that are not teachers, firemen or police men. Illinois and California are two of the most underfunded states in regards to their state and municipal pension systems, but when taking into account the Federal governments obligations through Medicare and Social Security, the total liabilities are astronomical.

Slowly but surely more and more people are becoming aware of the massive issue that will come to a head within the next five years. With the number of retirees increasing every year due to the baby boomers reaching the age of retirement, pension funds are becoming ever more strained for cash. Between the catastrophic 2008 financial crisis that wiped out vast amount of investment funds and the last eight years of zero interest rate policy that has kept bonds yields, a primary investment tool of pension funds, historically low, pension funds are hurting. The last large cause of underfunded pensions

is the lack of funding provided by state and local governments to cover the unsustainable promises made to their employees.

Employers that promise pensions must continue to pay retirees, who are living increasingly longer lives, while at the same time hiring new employees to fill the retired persons vacancies. While new employees generally earn less than what their predecessors made due to the age and experience gap, this system is not sustainable. Like Social Security and Medicare on the federal level, employee pensions are the biggest crisis facing state and local governments today.

Underfunded pension funds are ticking time bombs that will only grow shorter if returns on investments continue to fall far below their "smoothed average" and employers do not increase their contributions. Hopefully lawmakers will figure out a way to solve this massive crisis. It is essentially impossible for the most underfunded pensions to invest their way out of this debacle, so a new solution must be found. Whether that solution is a decrease in benefits, mandatory increase in contributions or an as-of-now unknown solution is anyone's guess. In any case, something must be done to solve this massive funding shortage.



# Hiss Golden Messenger delivers the goods

**Annah Duffey**  
ARTS CO-EDITOR

Music is not just entertainment; it is an opportunity to spread joy and tell a story. MC Taylor, the frontman of Hiss Golden Messenger, clearly agrees with this as he explained the band was going to "make something beautiful" for the Holland crowd last Friday night. The concert comprised of two and a half hours of electric folk sound, Taylor's rich southern vocals and a grand passion for the artistic channel that is music.

The performance took place in the Knickerbocker Theatre as part of Hope College's Concert Series. Doors opened at 7:30 p.m. and fans of all ages, students and community members alike, took seats to await the show.

Prior to the first act, Concert Series advisor Chris Bohle and Michael Stone ('19) introduced the artists and explained details of the student committee to those unfamiliar.

Phil Cook opened at 8 p.m. and played some songs solo on-stage. Cook sang original songs about life and laziness as well as a cover of Washington Phillips's "Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave it There." Even though it was just him and his guitar, he captured the audience's attention with his visible dedication to the words he was singing and humor between tunes.

When he had finished to enthusiastic cheers, Cook returned to stage behind the keys with



KELLY OCOCK

**PURE PASSION FOR MUSIC** — Frontman MC Taylor and his fellow bandmates kicked off the spring semester's concert line-up with artistic skill and instrumental talent.

Hiss Golden Messenger. Take the pure joy and passion Cook had and multiply it by five to achieve the happiness the band emanated as they performed.

"Heart like a Levee," their latest album from last October, was featured during the show. One of the best moments was during the self-titled song when Taylor sang call-and-response with the crowd. As he explained beforehand, he was never one to sing when musicians told him to. However, it becomes a great spiritual experience when everyone chimes in together, as everyone proceeded to do.

Taylor switched his guitar out nearly every song in exchange for a different model, whether

acoustic or electric. The other guitarist also switched to a banjo and mandolin during a couple tunes to change the instrumentation each time. No two songs sounded quite the same. The setlist was littered with guitar solos, appealing vocal harmonies and a lyrical eye for the world with all of its peaks and valleys. Some of the themes were reminiscent of family and the verdure of Taylor and Cook's homeland, North Carolina.

Although it was a smaller crowd in attendance, those present were highly supportive of the artists. There were hollers of appreciation, bobbing of heads and plenty of applause after each song finished.

Their merchandise was available for consumers in the lobby of the theatre. Members of the Concert Series helped sell items.

Overall, it was a successful event put on downtown, where music was conveyed as the glue which holds humanity together throughout the rough stages of life.

There will be three more concerts coming up in February with other talented and passionate performers. Twin Peaks, an indie-rock band from Chicago, will be playing at the Park Theatre on Feb. 17. Tickets can be bought in Anderson-Werkman. Prices are \$5 for Hope student, \$10 for faculty or \$15 for community member.

## THIS WEEK IN ARTS

**Thursday**  
**Visiting Writers Series Q&A:**  
**Natalie Scenters-Zapico and**  
**Lauren Acampora**

The Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series kicks off this semester with Scenters-Zapico and Acampora answering student questions. The event will be held in Fried Hemenway Auditorium at 3:30 p.m.

**WVS Reading**

Natalie Scenters-Zapico and Lauren Acampora will be reading original work at 7 p.m. in the John and Dede Howard Recital Hall.

**Friday**  
**Brown Bag Concert**

This casual performance of classical music is free for anyone wishing to attend and will take place at 12 p.m.

**Saturday**  
**Trio Sospiro Chamber Recital**  
This Hope faculty trio will present a chamber recital at 7:30 p.m. in the John and Dede Howard Recital Hall of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts. Admission is free.

## 2017 ACADEMY AWARDS: BEST PICTURE NOMINEES

### "Hidden Figures"

Led by actresses Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe, this flick centered on African American female scientists during the 20th century.

### "La La Land"

Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone sang and danced their way into the Academy's heart in this movie which focused on two artists living in Los Angeles.

### "Fences"

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, this film starred and was directed by acclaimed actor Denzel Washington. It centered on race and baseball.

### "Manchester by the Sea"

Casey Affleck led this film which examined a Boston janitor tasked with raising his late-brother's son.

### "Hell or High Water"

Chris Pine trades his Starfleet uniform for a cowboy hat and Southern drawl in this movie about a bank robbery. Starring alongside Pine was actor Ben Foster and actress Dale Dickey.

### "Hacksaw Ridge"

Based on the true story of Desmond T. Doss, this war movie examines conscientious objector who saved 75 men during World War II without firing a single bullet.

### "Moonlight"

"Slumdog Millionaire"'s Dev Patel starred in this film about an adopted son finding his real family.

### "Arrival"

Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner attempted to communicate with aliens in this sci-fi flick which was directed by Denis Villeneuve.

### "Moonlight"

This three-act film located in Miami follows the life of an African American son struggling with identity.

# Bible studies partner with KAM

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This semester on-campus women's Bible studies are taking inspiration from an exhibition on display at the Kruizenga

Art Museum (KAM). The exhibit entitled "Gospel Stories" features 47 pieces designed by German artist Otto Dix and Japanese artist Sadao Watanabe. Both 20th century artists portray Jesus in their pieces, as they were inspired to engage with the

Christian faith after World War II.

Hope Chaplain of Discipleship Lauren Taylor organizes the women's Bible studies and helped the Hope Ministries team center the 2016-17 school year on the Gospel of Matthew.

"The KAM came to us last year and told us they wanted to bring in this exhibit and asked if we wanted to partner with them," Taylor said. "We thought it was a great idea."

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In response, Taylor and Campus Ministries intern and Western Theological Seminary student Emily Holehan put together a Bible study that invites Hope women to read passages from Matthew that are depicted in Dix's work.

Some of the pieces used in the study feature memorable Gospel moments such as Jesus calming the storm in Matthew 8 and the feeding of the five-thousand in Matthew 14. However, other pieces portray more obscure scenes such as Jesus healing Jairus' daughter in Matthew 9. The illustrations were all included in a stand-alone edition of the Gospel of Matthew after Berlin publisher Käthe Vogt commissioned Dix to design the pieces during the 20th century.

Hope student Natalie Zeller ('18) was introduced to Dix's art while training to be a Bible study leader at the beginning of the semester. "When Lauren was first talking about it, I thought the



KELLY OCOCK

**MIXING ART AND MINISTRY** — Otto Dix's collection is just one of two featured in KAM's Gospel Stories collection, but it's the center of Hope women's Bible studies.

art would look like stereotypical biblical pictures," Zeller said. "But they're very dark, especially the Great Commission piece. In it, Jesus looks really tired, so it's interesting to see the artist's take

on Matthew. Also, it's fun because [Campus Ministries] has never done anything like this."

Taylor expressed excitement for this creative take on studying the Bible as well. "When you

look at art, it's like reading with different words," she said. "I'm hoping that because the exhibit is so powerful, that the leaders will bring their girls through [the KAM] and have fun us-

ing photos of the pieces in their studies."

Women's Bible study leaders have started meeting with their groups this semester, and so far, the partnership seems to be a success. "My group liked it a lot," Zeller said. "We were looking at the magi passage last week, and it was interesting because the pictures were sketched in the 60s, but Dix portrayed the wise men as racially different. That sparked some good conversation."

Taylor didn't specify whether Campus Ministries would partner with the KAM for future Bible studies. However, she does recognize the importance of art and the Gospels. "I could get up there and teach leaders about Matthew, or I could send emails to everybody about what themes to look for, but it's so much more powerful when you connect it with art," Taylor said. "It sticks in our hearts and our souls in a different way."

Gospel Stories is on display until May 20, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Two organ stylists to share the stage

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Tony Monaco and Rhonda Edgington will present an organ concert titled "Tony and Rhonda Go to Church" on Thursday, Feb. 9. The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts. Admission is free, and the performance is open to the public.

The concert is set to feature

music of composers Johann Sebastian Bach, Marcel Drupre, William Bolcom, Ad Wammes, Henry Martin and Johannes Matthias Michael. Monaco will be playing the Hammond B3, and Edgington will perform on the Casavant Frères (Casavant Brothers) pipe organ.

Monaco has been an artist-in-residence at Hope since 2014, and he released his first CD in 2000. The album entitled "Burnin' Grooves" has eight international releases, and Mo-

naco has since been on many tours around the world. In 2007, he celebrated his 40th year as a musician and appeared on the cover of Keyboard Magazine.

Monaco has also performed for various festivals, clinics and workshops. His most recent albums include "New Adventures" and "Groove: Blue."

Edgington is a West Michigan native and is an active concert organist, church musician and chamber musician. She is also an active supporter of the

American Guild of Organists (AGO) and was dean of the student chapter while pursuing her master's at Indiana University. Furthermore, she later served on the Chicago AGO board and also worked with the 2006 Convention Planning Committee.

Holland residents may recognize her as she now serves as organist and assistant music director at Hope Church and accompanies for the Hope College Department of Music. Her

newest CD entitled "Subtly and Sparkle" was recorded on the Walh Organ at Augustana Lutheran Church in Chicago, IL. In addition, Edgington is featured on an album titled "Baroque Christmas in Hamburg" with the students of Hochschule fuer Kuenste in Bremen, Germany.

The performance's location, the Jack H. Miller Center, is located on 221 Columbia Ave., between 9th and 10th streets. Come support the organists.

## Seven books for every reader's 2017 list

The new and soon-to-be releases that every avid novel-lover will be purchasing at the bookstore this year

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Bookworms, rejoice. This year a plethora of highly anticipated books from poets and novelists are set to be released. The issues addressed in these upcoming paperbacks include everything from race, young love and loss. Here are a couple of books that should be on every lover of literature's must-read list this year:

**"The Meaning of Michelle" by Michelle Obama, edited by Veronica Chambers**

Already released this month, the novel takes a break from exploring the former First Lady's fashion choices and examines her effect on United States culture. Sixteen writers dive

in Obama's influence on race, womanhood, class and marriage. It was listed as one of Glamour's "Best Books to Read in 2017" and the Huffington Post's "27 Nonfiction Books By Women Everyone Should Read in 2017."

**"Letters to a Young Muslim" by Omar Saif Ghobash**

This released book recently made Time Magazine's "Most Anticipated Books of 2017" list. In the book, Ghobash, the United Arab Emirates' ambassador to Russia, writes letters to his son about being a Muslim in the 21st century. While trying to answer his child's questions, he makes the case for moderates to unify and combine the religion's beliefs and traditions with contemporary realities. Insight into the Muslim community is provided

with its everyday experiences.

**"Aftermath: Empire's End" by Chuck Wendig**

"Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi" isn't the only "Star Wars" story being released this year. This novel by Wendig is the third and final book in the "Aftermath Trilogy" and will hit bookstores on Feb. 21. The story takes place in a galaxy far, far away and will feature the Battle of Jakku, the final battle in the Galactic Civil War.

**"The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas**

Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, Thomas' debut novel has gotten so much buzz that Fox 2000/Temple Hill Productions is already planning to turn it into a film. The book addresses issues of racism and police violence through the fic-

tional story of Starr Carter, who bounces between her poverty-stricken neighborhood and her ritzy suburban prep school. This balance is ruined, however, when Carter witnesses the shooting of her childhood friend. The book is set to be released on Feb. 28.

**"Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins**

Can New York Times bestselling author Hawkins top her global phenomenon "Girl on the Train" with this book? Readers can expect an answer on May 2. This upcoming psychological thriller centers on a fifteen-year-old girl who ends up living with an aunt from an uncomfortable past. This resulted after the death of both her mother and friend. The book analyses the deceptiveness of memory in order to satisfy readers with sudden twists and sharp turns.

**"Lord of Shadows" by Cassandra Clare**

This sequel to the bestselling novel "Lady Midnight" is set in the world of Shadowhunters. "Lord of Shadows" puts Emma Carstairs in a love triangle between her "parabatai" Julien and his brother. All must put their tension aside as they fight to protect everything they hold dear. Look for it May 23.

**"The Winds of Winter" by George R. R. Martin**

Fans of HBO's "Game of Thrones" and Martin's "A Song of Ice and Fire" have been begging this author to release another book for the last six years. Martin hinted to fans that the next installment in his popular series may be out this year, writing on his blog that although the book isn't finished yet, he has "made a lot of progress."



# New year, new you

## Keeping up with those resolutions

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With every transition to a new year, there is a mad dash to come up with goals. We know them well: exercise more, eat healthier, manage your time, get eight hours of sleep, go to yoga once a week, stress less, get your homework done before you go out on Friday night, finish your lab at least a day in advance, start the term paper months ahead of schedule, etc. And usually, right around now, we all find ourselves wondering why we even bothered with these goals in the first place. In fact, according to Business Insider, most people give up on their resolutions by February. So, here we are: February first. At The Anchor, we have to ask: How are your resolutions holding up?

If you stopped after day one, don't worry; you aren't alone. However, did you ever wonder why resolutions are such a huge part of our popular culture when most people fail every year at holding themselves accountable? Well, you've come to the right place!

### So where did New Year's resolutions come from?

According to history.com, the origin comes from ancient Babylonian and Roman practices. In Babylon, a festival would occur each March, honoring the king or commemorating a new one. At the end of the celebration, the people would make vows to their gods, promising to repay their debts. Keeping these promises resulted in favor from the gods, and it was the fear of not having favor that motivated the people to keep these "resolutions." In Rome, the people followed a similar practice. However, beginning in 46 B.C. they started their new year in January because Julius Caesar decided that it was a good month to start things out.

This idea was adopted by early Christians and focused on atoning for sins and thinking about past mistakes in order to move forward with the coming year. In fact, John Wesley created a "Covenant Renewal Service" in 1740, which was dedicated to this practice of reflecting on the previous year and making promises for the coming one. Since then it has evolved to become the tradition we are all now familiar with—New Year's resolutions, where the focus is on self-improvement and self-care.

Rank	Top 10 New Years resolutions for 2017	Percent
1	Lose Weight / Healthier Eating	21.4%
2	Life / Self Improvements	12.3%
3	Better Financial Decisions	8.5%
4	Quit Smoking	7.1%
5	Do more exciting things	6.3%
6	Spend More Time with Family / Close Friends	6.2%
7	Work out more often	5.5%
8	Learn something new on my own	5.3%
9	Do more good deeds for others	5.2%
10	Find the love of my life	4.3
11	Find a better job	4.1%
—	Other	13.8%

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# Can a scientist be religious?



Gabbi Werner  
Guest Writer

It is a common assumption that science and religion are substantially, philosophically and persistently in conflict. A perception that emphasizes the dependable and authoritative nature of science and the scientist while also focusing on the irrationality and blindness of religion and the believer leads to various interpretations of the potential for a relationship between religion and science.

Through the individual consideration of religion and science as concepts which inform philosopher Ian Barbour's four models regarding their interaction, it is my intention to argue that it is empirically possible for a scientist to be religious, manifest this belief in practice and recognize the contextual basis in which religion and science conflict and collaborate. It is also my intention to challenge you as the reader to think critically on your own stance in this matter.

As a product of the Scientific Revolution, [scientists] sought to improve the methods in which advances were made and in turn presented the empirical method as an authority over the Catholic Church of the day.

If seen as the primary authority regarding absolute truth, the scientific method helps to affirmatively answer the question of whether or not a scientist can be religious before reaching the hypothesis stage. Renown scientists such as the recognized founder of the scientific method, Francis Bacon, along with Sir Isaac Newton, were simultaneously religious and scientists. So then the question shifts from can a scientist be religious to the infinitely more troubling question of, is it rational for a scientist to be religious?

In the article, "Scientists Negotiate Boundaries between Religion and Science," Ecklund et.al discusses the current understandings of when and how scientists see religion and science in conflict. The article establishes that the answer to the question of conflict and rationality is dependent on how religion and science are defined. Due to the fluid definitions of religion and science, the answer to the conflict paradigm becomes contextual. It is suggested that the replacement of the term "religion" with "spirituality" increases the accommodation for religion in the scientific fields, while defining religion

as "evangelicalism" or "fundamentalism" creates a strong boundary between religion and science. In regard to the definition of scientists, Ecklund et.al. states that they are, "not a uniform group having the same notion of science but those who operate in and outside their laboratories on a range of different interests and values," suggesting that the conflict between religion and science are also dependent on the scientist's discipline. The definitions of religion and science utilized will affect how they are related, and ultimately complicate the historical conflict narrative suggesting science and religion are fundamentally at war.

The manifestation of religion relies on the scientist's personal preference and belief. The current models of interaction between the scientist and religion described by Ian Barbour illuminate four possible manifestations, but neglect the contextual basis in which the majority of scientists regard the relationship of religion and science. Barbour's models recognize that religion and science can be continuously in conflict, independent from one another, engaged in dialogue, or integrated as dual authorities. This interpretation allows for a scientist to be religious through all four models individually, but does not recognize the possibility for a contextual basis to conflict. While the dialogue model engages both religion and sci-

ence in order to better understand and respect each other, it has an element of separation. If dialogue were to be taken a step farther from merely understanding and respect of differing views to the allowance of conflict and mutual support, the scientist would have the ability to see both conflict and collaboration simultaneously.

Furthermore, the conflicts between science and religion are contextual and refer primarily to the authority to claim absolute truth rather than individual disputes of philosophy or substance. Albeit different methods, science and religion maintain similar goals as they both desire to explore the earth and claim authority over the other regarding absolute truth. Scientific truth is a statement of what is most probable in regard to what is currently shown in the data and the historical framework in which it is discovered and presented. Ironically, while both science and religion claim to possess the absolute truth, each maintains an element of doubt and historical interpretation. Religion requires faith, and science requires a margin of error. Therefore, the scientist can be religious based on the context in which religion and science are compared, and just as neither can claim absolute truth, neither can propose the other obsolete or irrational.

While definitions of the scientist and the believer vary,

the scientist can be religious even while recognizing contextual conflict between the two disciplines. The question remains in regard to how categories of religion and science will be interpreted in order to integrate Barbour's four models and intentionally engage in the amended conflict and collaboration-based dialogue model. To embrace only the conflict narrative between religion and the scientist is to look at the relationship simplistically, to disregard history and the reality of religious scientists in the past and present, it is also equally simplistic only to recognize the collaboration of science and religion. Conflict presents a unique opportunity for growth and understanding, while also creating the need for opportunities that promote the intentional engagement in conflict and collaboration based dialogue. So my challenge for you as the reader is to create this respectful space somewhere in your own life in which you can explore what it means to be a scientist and a Christian. How are they in conflict? How do they collaborate?

“The manifestation of religion relies on scientist's personal preference and belief.”

## Five things to do after graduation

Danny Chavez  
Guest Writer

With graduation coming up, senior projects to do and just daily life in general, I would imagine that most people have a plan after college like getting a real job. If you haven't planned something out for after graduation, then maybe you should start looking, because you're going to be walking that stage soon. Here are five things that you should consider doing after graduation:

### 1) Find a job

Now it isn't what most people are thinking. Find a job that gets you the most money for the least amount of work. Yeah, don't go down that road, as there are few jobs that hire people who don't want to work hard. Instead look for something that you'd enjoy doing. Work as barista at a coffee shop and learn the coffee trade and even how to make de-

signs. Get hired at a local bakery and learn the trade of baking if you want to (plus you might get to take some home, free of charge). Try out a summer camp and work with a team to teach kids about the camp you represent, such as Bible or survival camp.

### 2) Take a year off

Take a break from school if you feel that you need time to think out a game plan for the next couple of years. You've just finished college, so you deserve a break even if people tell you otherwise. If you feel burnt out from school, grab a job or go back home and stay for a while before making any big decisions. Take time to travel, visit friends or take up a new pastime you've been meaning to try.

### 3) Move into your own place

This is a definite must do for those of

us who want to get out of our parents' house. Do your research ahead of time and call to get more information if you can. The more interested the client, the more an owner might take you as a tenant. Or if money is thin, try a 2-bedroom or 3-bedroom place with people you know and trust.

### 4) Get some transportation

For some this isn't a problem, but it's a big concern for a lot of us. Especially if our new job is in a city, but by some stroke of luck, our job is out of range for public transportation. Try a used car because some have a bit of character to them and have been on the road for a while. Just make sure that it's in good health though. You don't want to buy a car that has a lot of problems. If used ones aren't your style, then by all means: new ones are going to last for a while.

Though you will have a lot of debt to pay still, if you took out some loans. So be careful.

### 5) Get a companion

No, I don't mean go and find yourself a man or woman. I mean get a pet that you can take care of. Although they sometimes add stress, they can also be a source of comfort to those who live alone. They'll raise your spirits when you get home and keep you company when you need it the most. They'll make you laugh and smile when people compliment them. Whatever animal you like, just don't forget that they come with expenses!

That's what you might want to do if you have no plans after graduation. Just remember to set some goals up, while you're off on your shenanigans!

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## Hollander on Holland's stand against DeVos

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Holland has always been home for me. In my twenty years of existence, it's still just the place where tulips grow a certain time of year, freshwater is an abundance and snow is a nuisance. Ask anyone from Chicago to California and you'll hear them tell you that Holland is cute, but there isn't much here. This Saturday proved them wrong.

We've all heard the news. Whether you watch it on television, hear it on the radio or scroll past it on Facebook, it's all the same—Trump's done something, and people are angry. I'm angry, but today, maybe I'm a little more proud than angry. Maybe.

For those of you who missed it, Holland organized its own protest this Saturday, Jan. 28th. I missed it in real life, but I have the honor of knowing so many who braced Michigan's cold for an important cause. This protest, unlike the protests directly after Trump's inauguration, was centered on a person rather than an idea: Betsy DeVos.

If you're from Holland, you know the DeVoses as the people who own the largest house in Holland. You know, the one on South Shore Drive you slow down to get a good look of when you're dreaming of which home you'd want to live in if you won the lottery. For the rest of the world, Betsy DeVos is now the woman who potentially holds the future of many educators and students like you and I. She is also the woman whom you've seen in several interviews. She's the one portrayed without having a clue as to what she will be in charge of. Sound familiar?

I know that "fake news" is a growing concern in our world today. I feel wary when supporting any information of political significance because I am afraid of being inaccurate. That being said, I realize that I'm not the best-educated on this topic, but I have educated myself as well as I can in this age of misinformation. Betsy DeVos never attended a public school. She has never taken out a loan as many of us are forced to in order to gain higher education. She doesn't have the fear of having to pay back loans or whether she will be able to cover the monthly payment for her tuition. I've done my best to research this seemingly common knowledge and still, I have yet to find anything that contradicts those facts.

So, here's what I do know: some of my favorite teachers from high school marched on Saturday. Those whom I respect most, who did not hold back their passions and beliefs when they educated me and the rest of us in Holland Public Schools, are those effected most by this controversial woman's placement by Trump. Many of us are opposed to this Hollander becoming a factor of our future. They marched with hundred of other Hollanders and I've never been prouder of my little town of Holland. Holland made a stand with the rest of the country. My small town is growing to be more than a tourist town and I'm angry at what has forced this but proud to know that whatever comes next will be met with around the country and in this city.



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## Quotes of Empowerment for the upcoming week

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

—MARGARET MEAD

“For what it's worth, it's never too late to be whoever you want to be. I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over.”

—F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

“The secret to change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

—SOCRATES

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

—NELSON MANDELA

“Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.”

—JOHN MAXWELL

“Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.”

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

“When you know yourself, you are empowered. When you accept yourself, you are invincible.”

—TINA LIFFORD

“I have always believed that when you have a voice, you have an obligation to use that voice to empower others.”

—DIANE VON FURSTENBERG

“Work hard in silence. Let your success be your noise.”

—FRANK OCEAN

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# Angry Adam: Can-do cooking - college style



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No matter who you are or where you're from, everybody has one thing in common. Everybody poops and everybody eats. And, since they definitely won't let me write an article based around pooping, this one is going to focus on everyone's favorite pastime: eating. But, since most of our readership are college students, this is going to focus specifically on how to eat well as a college student for the cheapest cost.

Now, first of all, there are plenty of things that you, as a student or parent of a student, can

purchase to make eating cheap and effective. Ramen noodles, mac and cheese, and instant rice are super easy, super cheap ways to make sure that your choice of exiting this life isn't through starvation. However, while these are quick, cheap, and effective at keeping you alive for a little longer, they aren't necessarily making you feel the best while they're keeping you alive. We'll focus on what you can purchase to make sure that you are actually eating well while you're nourishing your body.

If you have to make it yourself, it's probably going to be cheaper. Instead of going through a fast food place to find food, you can actually find plenty of cheap foods at Meijer that you can use to create your own meals. You can get obscene amounts of potatoes, everyone's favorite food item, at Meijer for an incredibly low price, we're talking like five bucks for ten pounds. These are versatile, delicious, and easy to cook. You can make baked

potatoes, fries, mashed potatoes or anything that your heart can imagine. Pick yourself up a package of bacon for a few bucks extra, and boom, everything is even more delicious. Onions are another cheap item that you can grab, a few pounds costing only a few dollars, and they add well to most things you can cook. I personally grab all three of these, as well as some garlic at 50 cents a head, and just fry them all together. It costs me only about ten bucks by the end, and it can actually feed me for a few weeks.

Sometimes you're not feeling the same monotony and need to mix it up, well there are options for that too. Consider making noodles. Boxes are usually only about a dollar and make at least two meals unless you're really loading in the calories. Jars of sauce are generally pretty cheap, or if you want to, just sauté up some of the onions and garlic you already bought with some tomatoes, run it through a blender and boom, even cheaper

sauce. If you need more protein, run to the meat section and look at the chicken first. Legs and thighs will usually go on sale for under a dollar a pound, so you can stock up for super cheap, just remember that there are bones inside. Top round steaks are also a great purchase as they can be bought for just over a dollar apiece, and if you cook it correctly, it feels like you might be eating a piece of meat worth way more.

Don't be afraid of getting utensils. You don't need an incredibly stocked kitchen to cook well, but you do need a few things. Get one or two good knives. A big one for chopping, and a smaller one for trimming. I don't want to see anybody with any 189 piece knife sets. One to three good knives and you're on your way. And, you really don't need more than one good skillet and one good sauce pan if you're making sure that you wash them well. You may think everybody that's a good chef has a killer

kitchen, but it's mostly all fluff. Although, do make sure you pick up a cutting board, those things are essential. I also really like having a slow cooker. It seems like a big investment, but the time and effort it cuts out of preparing meals is amazing when you live the busy life of a college student. And don't be afraid of spices. They cost a little extra than what you'd like to spend, but they really add a lot of variety, and are what allow you to make the same meal over and over and not be bored of it. A different spice each time really adds some variety to your belly.

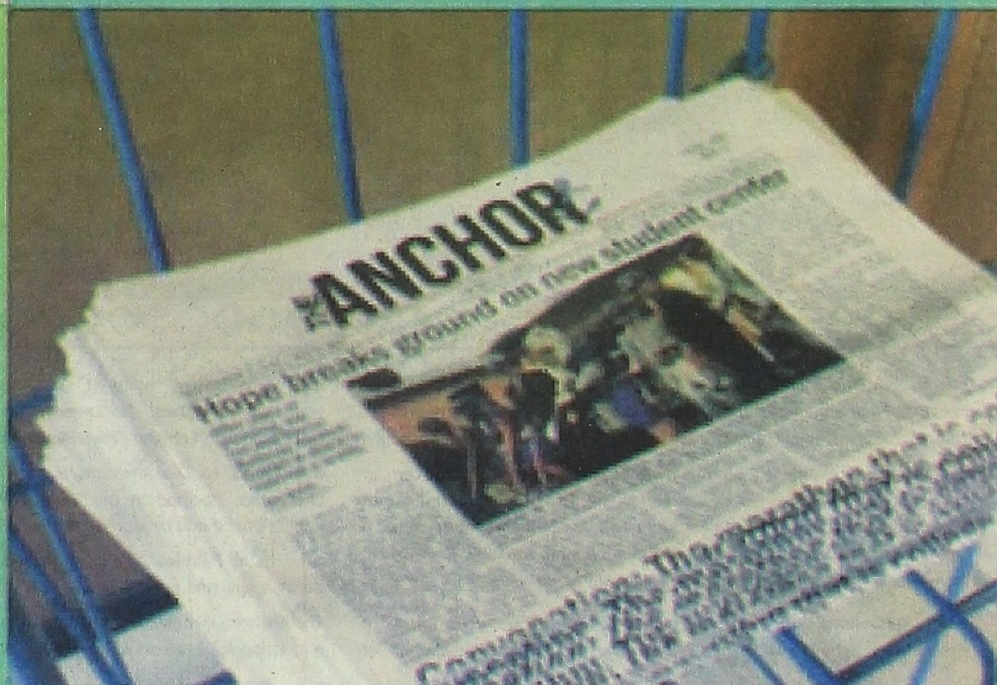
Cooking doesn't have to be your new favorite hobby but it doesn't have to seem scary or daunting. Eating doesn't have to be something that makes your wallet cringe. In reality, you can eat good meals at a much lower cost than you'd think if you're willing to do a little extra heavy lifting at the store and a little more finesse cooking in the kitchen.

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# Australian Open features drama

Federer downs Nadal, Serena beats sister Venus, Bryan brothers take a loss

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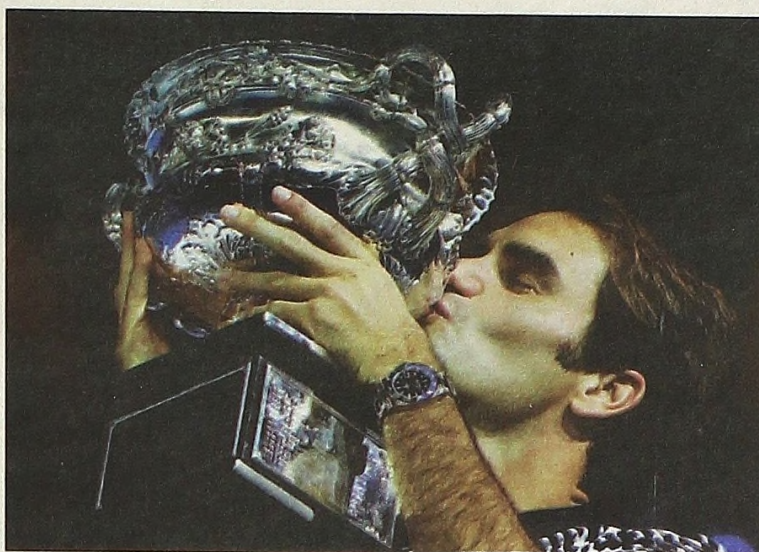
The Australian Open has come to a close, and it is safe to say that this was a finals round to remember. The Williams sisters faced-off once again with Serena taking home her 23rd Grand Slam title. S. Williams holds the highest number of Grand Slam titles of current players with Federer being the leading male holder and claiming his 18th this past weekend. In men's doubles, the American Bryan brothers lost (5-7, 5-7).

Although Venus has her own seven Grand Slam titles and has had a great career, Serena is a dominating force in the world of women's tennis. She is on her way to holding the most titles ever. After claiming her 23rd this past weekend, Serena is only one away from being tied with Margaret Court, the Australian woman who holds 24 titles and retired from the sport in 1977. Additionally, Court believes Serena is well on her way to breaking her record, but it is likely no one will ever break her 64 title holding record.

(earning 19 from doubles and 21 from mixed doubles).

Serena's fierce competitive nature has not always made her the most gracious loser. However, Saturday she was all smiles and grace after her win. Serena gave thanks and praise to her older sister Venus and to her team for getting her to where she is. However, Venus always loses with grace. This is one of the qualities of Venus that can be highly respected. She spent her time celebrating her sister's accomplishments despite having played a great comeback game herself. She spent most of her runner-up speech praising her sister for being as successful as she has been. Venus said, "some of them I lost right there against you...your win has always been my win...all the times I couldn't be there, wouldn't be there, didn't get there, you were there." Venus represents humility on and off the court.

Serena took home the win 6-4, 6-4. Venus fought her way through the competition and remains a great player despite injuries. It may be the last time in history we will witness the two in a final showdown.



AP IMAGES

**A PROUD MOMENT—** Roger Federer celebrated his 18th Grand Slam title last Saturday with a victory over long-time rival.

On the men's side of things, Roger Federer took down Rafael Nadal to give Federer his 18th Grand Slam as well as his 12th win of the 35 matches over Nadal. However, Nadal gave Federer a tough match (6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6 and 6-3). Luckily for Federer, he came up on the winning side in the last match when it counted most. The victory moves Federer back up to top 10 in the world with Nadal moving to the number six position.

This was a competition

tennis fans loved. Federer said in his speech, "I would've been happy to lose to you, too."

Both players hit shots that seemed impossible. These men are high-class players, not just in how they play, but how they act off the court. Both spoke highly of the other, and Federer showed modesty when he spoke of his comeback. He clearly was thankful for how far he made it in the tournament and did not expect the win he earned. Hopefully we see this rivalry again in the future after the match played last weekend.

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

**Wednesday**  
Women's basketball  
at Calvin College 7:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
at Olivet College 7:30 p.m.

## IN BRIEF

### MSU DOWNS MICHIGAN

The Spartans and Wolverines faced-off once again on Sunday in men's basketball. The Spartans were coming off a three-game losing streak but defended well to give them a win over the Michigan Wolverines 70-62. Michigan State has won the last five meetings against their rival.

Nick Ward put the first points on the board for the Spartans after a shot clock violation forced a turnover for the Wolverines. Ward put up another two a few minutes later with a dunk. At the 16:36 mark, Tom Izzo was given a technical foul after expressing displeasure with the lack of a call.

The game remained close throughout with Derrick Walton leading the score for the Wolverines with 24 points and Cassius Winston with 16 for the Spartans. The Spartans had nine scoring players with the Wolverines only having six. Walton and Moritz Wagner were the top scorers for the Wolverines, scoring over half of their points. Meanwhile, Winston, Miles Bridges and Ward all were in the double-digits for points. Bridges (guard) records his fourth double-double with his 15 points, 13 rebounds and was 7 for 17 in the field.

The Spartans led at the half with a close 32-28. At the 14:39 mark in the second, the Spartans held a 42-40 lead, which held the entire rest of the game. The Wolverines stayed pretty tight with the Spartans throughout the game but were not able to pull ahead at any point once the Spartans gained the 42-40 lead.

Michigan State is 13-9 overall in the season with a 5-4 record thus far in the conference. On the other side, Michigan has a 14-8 record overall and a 4-5 record in the conference.

### HOPE SWIM & DIVE

The men's and women's swim and dive teams also had a good home meet this past Saturday where they competed against Alma. The men's team won 88-39, and the seniors were honored before the competition kicked-off. On the women's side of things, they took a win 111-70. The swim and dive team next compete in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships on Wednesday Feb. 15 - Sat. Feb. 18 at Holland Community Aquatic Center.

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# Hope sailing team wins big at MCSA

**Elizabeth Reeg**  
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Four members of the Hope College Sailing Team executive board (Libby Reeg '17), Carrie Ritter '18), Jacob Pledger '18) and Lisette Boer '19) traveled to Milwaukee, WI to attend the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association annual Midwinters meeting and banquet on Saturday Jan 28, 2017.

During the annual meeting, regatta schedules were finalized. The MCSA executive board was also turned over, and Carrie Ritter was elected to the Vice Commodore position of the board, a position previously held by teammate Libby Reeg.

Following the annual meeting, the team attended the annual banquet at Milwaukee Yacht Club. Senior Libby Reeg was selected by the All-Conference Sailor Committee based upon outstanding on-the-water performance in 2016 to receive an all-conference Sailor award for women's skipper honorable mention.

Reeg was also awarded the Katherine A. Fellows trophy for winning the MCSA Women's Singlehanded Championship.

The Hope College Sailing Team was recognized with the Woodward Trophy for Regatta of



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**PRIDE IN THEIR PRIZE** — The Hope College and Grand Valley Sailing Teams accepted the Woodward Trophy for Regatta of the Year. From left to right, Carrie Ritter ('18), Libby Reeg ('17), Nicholaas Zomer GVSU ('17) and Kate Cavatlo GVSU ('19).

the Year for their efforts, to host the MCSA Fall Championships in 2016 with Grand Valley State University Sailing Club.

The Hope College Sailing Team sails boats called 420's; mid-sized, two-sailed, two-person crew, racing dinghies as well as a J-22 keelboat. They

sail 3-5 times a week out of Lake Macatawa Yacht Club, near Holland.

The team remains open to all experience levels and is professionally coached. The next event will be the Freshman ice breaker at Notre Dame on March 25, 2017.



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**A WINNING SMILE** — Libby Reeg ('17) poses with the Katherine A. Fellows trophy for winning the MCSA Women's Singlehanded Championship. Reeg was also presented with an All-Conference Sailor award for Women's Skipper Honorable Mention.

To keep up with the sailing team, follow us on social media!

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## Double wins for Hope on home ground

### Men's, women's basketball successfully secure weekend victories over Albion, Alma

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This Saturday, both the men and women's basketball teams played Alma and Albion Colleges, respectively at home. The women played at 3:00 p.m. while the men played at 7:30 p.m. in the evening.

Both teams dawned on the purple jerseys in honor of the family and friends benefiting from the Van Andel Institute.

#### Women's basketball

The team, ranked sixth improved to an 18-2 record with the win over Alma. Coming off a previous loss, the Flying Dutch finished this game with a victory of 83-65. Hope was led in scoring by Center Francesca

Buchanan ('19), who capped off the night with 22 points. The center also led the whole game in rebounds, with a total of six in the game. Forward Madison Geers ('18) also chipped in 16 points for the team. Guard Angelique Gaddy ('17) led the entire game with eight assists. The team came out strong and never trailed during the game, establishing their dominance with a 13-4 lead in the first four minutes of the game.

Hope shot at 46.7 percent compared to Alma's 39 percent. The Flying Dutch were out-rebounded by Alma. The away team had a total of 36 compared to Hope's 33. Hope had the upper hand by one in the assist column with 19 compared to Alma's 18.

The Flying Dutch face off in a

rivalry game against Calvin, on Feb. 1, where they will look to improve their record to 19-2, on away ground.

#### Men's basketball

The Flying Dutchmen went head to head against Albion in a scrappy, physical game, which resulted in a Hope College Victory. Hope went in to halftime trailing by 11 points but turned the game around

for a win in the end. The game ended 82-70. They now sit at a comfortable 15-4 overall record. They have an 8-0 one, MIAA.

Scoring was led by Forward Harrison Blackledge ('17) who finished the night with a total of 29 points, the most on both teams. Forward Cody Stuive ('17) led both teams in rebounds, grabbing a total of 13. Guards, Chad Carlson ('17) and Dante Hawkins ('17) each had

five assists for the game.

Hope shot excellently from the field at 51.9 percent compared to Albion's 45.1 percent. Hope trailed to Albion in the rebounding category with 26 to 34. The Flying Dutch tallied 15 assists in the game compared to Albion's 10.

The Flying Dutchmen face up against Olivet College on Feb. 1, where they hope to improve their record in an away game.



STEPHEN BINNIG

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